



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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Chief Deputy

June 3, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT #03-0067 WITH THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DETECTION OF  
MEDITERRANEAN, ORIENTAL, MEXICAN FRUIT FLIES, AND OTHER EXOTIC PESTS IN  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
(ALL DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the accompanying agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the detection of fruit flies including Medflies, Oriental fruit flies, Mexican fruit flies, and other exotic pests in the amount of \$2,857,178 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
2. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to act as agent for the County to sign and execute amendments as may be necessary to complete the Pest Detection program described in this agreement not to exceed 10% of the total contract.
4. Instruct Chair to sign upon presentation and to return the standard agreement #03-0067 to the Department along with a copy of the minute order.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the above action is to enable the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department to continue maintaining an insect trapping program to prevent the establishment of exotic fruit flies and other exotic pests in Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner, recognizing the extremely serious problems that can result if fruit flies or other exotic pests become established in Los Angeles County, has negotiated the attached agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to provide for a pest detection trapping program.

During the past fiscal year, the department's detection program has trapped Oriental fruit flies, Mexican fruit flies, Guava fruit fly, Gypsy Moth, and Japanese Beetle. It has also been instrumental in monitoring the current Medfly sterile release.

The board has approved similar contracts with CDFA for pest detection since 1980.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

This agreement supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal 3.3.1 for organizational effectiveness. Service is enhanced to Los Angeles County residents through a locally administrated program in collaboration with a statewide program to detect and eradicate harmful exotic fruit fly infestations before they become a serious problem for growers and residents alike.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no effect on the Department's net County cost.

The State of California Department of Food and Agriculture will provide \$2,857,178 for direct and indirect expenses to the County. The cost of this program is 100% revenue offset.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture provides for the department to place, service, and relocate 26,271 traps for the purpose of detecting serious exotic insect pests. The emergency nature and the timeliness of response to certain insect finds may require the Agricultural Commissioner to sign and execute amendments as may be necessary to complete the Pest Detection program described in this agreement. We request that the Board delegate authority to the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department to make amendments to the contract not to exceed 10% of the amount of the contract.

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This agreement is for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

The contract has been reviewed by County Counsel and is approved as to form and contracting process.

### **CONCLUSION**

When approved, please return to this Department the five (5) signed copies along with the minute order authorizing the Chair to sign. My department will forward the documents to the California Department of Food and Agriculture Contracts Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Cato R. Fiksdal  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Director of Weights & Measures

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Attachments

c: CAO  
County Counsel  
Deputies  
CAO Analyst  
Executive Office